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Cc: Environment / Climate ministers

Dear MEPs and Transport Ministers,

We - please see the logos above - are a wide range of stakeholders keenly urging law-makers to agree on the revision of the Eurovignette Directive.

Already, areas of agreement in the text provisionally negotiated by Parliament and Member State representatives lay strong foundations for greener trucking. But the job needs to be finished. Overall, the changes proposed to the Eurovignette Directive form a vital - and long-promised - reform that will boost the take-up and roll-out of zero and low emission freight vehicles.

Revising the Eurovignette is central to supporting the investment needed by truck-makers and transport operators to put greener trucks on the road. Vital to the reform is a new provision to differentiate truck tolling by CO₂, which is necessary to ensure the Eurovignette Directive plays its part in tackling climate emissions.

Time is of the essence: we urge that the proposed reforms would apply from 2022/3.

Member States and the EU are strengthening their climate targets. With this comes the need to give planning and investment certainty. Varying truck tolls according to climate emissions has been discussed across Europe since spring 2017. A speedy adoption of the revised Eurovignette Directive is needed to deliver incentives and investment certainty, support the decarbonisation of road freight, and help the EU and its Member States meet their climate commitments.

The upcoming trilogue negotiations on 15 June are the last real opportunity for compromise under the current Portuguese Council presidency, before the 'Fit for 55' package (due out on 14 July) will take very significant amounts of policy-makers' time.

The transport transition cannot advance in a timely way without the legislative reform needed to support it. The proposal to revise the Eurovignette Directive was presented to Parliament and Council on 1 June 2017. Now, four years later, it's time to strike a deal that supports European trucking to get on with delivering the transition.

Yours sincerely

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